

1 ***Regular Meeting***  
2 ***Borough of Leonia***  
3 ***Minutes for September 7, 2005***  
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5 *A Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County, New*  
6 *Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:34pm*  
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8 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Dwarica,*  
9 *Councilwoman Heveran, Councilman LaBianco*  
10 *Councilwoman Mitrani, Councilman Puzzo, Council President*  
11 *Ryan,*  
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13 ***Council Absent:*** *none*  
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15 ***Also Present:*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo,(arrived at 7:35)*  
16 *Borough Attorney ,Victoria Miragliotta, Borough Administrator,*  
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18 Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.  
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20 Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Ryan led in  
21 the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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23 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**  
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25 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin  
26 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.  
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28 Mayor Cherchi pointed out the Fire Exits to those assembled.  
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31 Borough Administrator Miragliotta reported on relief efforts for the family of former  
32 Department of Public Works Superintendent and Honorary Fire Chief, Jose Alvarez, who  
33 are victims of Hurricane Katrina.  
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35 The Borough Administrator also reported on hurricane relief efforts by Englewood's Fire  
36 Department.  
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38 **PRESENTATION**  
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40 Lakeview Avenue Traffic Study – Lou Luglio from Vollmer Associates made a  
41 presentation to the Governing Body and those assembled regarding Lakeview Avenue  
42 and surrounding Streets.  
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44 Mr. Luglio answered the questions of the Governing Body.  
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A written copy of the presentation is available in the Office of the Borough Clerk and on the official Borough Website.

Ellen Cohen-Weidman – 3 Brook Terrace – Ms. Cohen-Weidman inquired if we would have the ability to force Englewood to change the traffic signal at E. Sheffield Avenue. Mayor Cherchi responded unless Englewood sees the need they do not have to do anything.

Gary Albanese – 25 Lakeview Avenue – Mr. Albanese said speed humps would help with people speeding through Lakeview. Mr. Albanese asked what it would take to get the State involved in correcting the problem. Mayor Cherchi said it might take several years between engineers and everything else involved to get the light changed. Mr. Luglio explained it would have to be a package to get the lane changes and the traffic light changed. If all the funding was in place, it could take at least a year or more.

Donna Maxwell - 103 Overlook - Ms. Maxwell sees no benefit in moving traffic from one street to the next. Mayor Cherchi explained that the recommendation is to put speed humps or speed tables on Lakeview and Overlook. Ms. Maxwell also noted that there appears to be a lot of truck traffic going down Overlook. Mr. Luglio explained that the traffic had to do with the construction at the Middle School.

Donald Scheier – 224 Overlook Avenue – Mr. Scheier has lived on Overlook for 23 years and has seen many cars make the right turn from the left lane. Mr. Scheier inquired if a stop light could be installed at the end of the ramp with “right turn only” during peak hours? Mr. Luglio explained that any signalization would require approval by the Turnpike Authority. Mr. Luglio explained the process for authorization and the improvement it may make for the traffic exiting the ramp.

Robert Espinosa – 187 Lakeview Avenue – Mr. Espinosa feels the speed humps would definitely act as a deterrent for speeding but also noted that the light on Hillcrest needs to be little stronger to illuminate the stop sign which is blocked by tree limbs. Mr. Espinosa asked what would be the cost of the speed humps? Mayor Cherchi said he priced them at \$1,000 each. Mr. Espinosa does not feel that speed humps are the long term solution.

Rachel Glasser – 110 Eastview Avenue – Mrs. Glasser asked about the North, South traffic on Broad Avenue. Mayor Cherchi responded to Mrs. Glasser.

Mayor Cherchi and the Council thanked Mr. Luglio for the presentation. Mr. Luglio offered to help the Governing Body with the signalization and interaction with the State or Turnpike Authority with the request for solutions to the problems.

Councilwoman Mitrani asked about Councilman Ryan’s question for making no right turns on Lakeview and Overlook. Mr. Luglio stated this is an enforcement problem that would have to be monitored everyday. The Borough would need additional resources to enforce no right turns.

Councilwoman Heveran asked about placement; would it be better to do this one street at a time? Mr. Luglio advised the Borough to do Lakeview first. Councilwoman Heveran said her observation of speed humps is that people slow down to go over them and then speed up to get to the next one.

Mayor Cherchi said the only recommendation he heard is to put speed humps on Lakeview and have the Traffic Officer come up with a design

Councilwoman Dwarica said, "We need to check the signs and make sure they are all visible".

Councilwoman Heveran made a motion to have Sergeant Carlson recommend where the speed humps should be placed, seconded Councilwoman Dwarica. All in favor; none opposed.

The Governing Body discussed illuminating stop signs and adding reflective tape to the signs in that area.

Councilman Puzzo would like to have Sgt. Carlson look at putting a stop sign at Brook Terrace and Lakeview.

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Shirley Manuel 140 Overlook Avenue – Ms. Manuel referred to a copy of minutes of June 6, 2005 meeting. The Borough Clerk responded that the minutes are not done verbatim. Ms. Manuel went on to question other portions of the minutes. The Borough Administrator explained if an individual was interested in hearing the full meeting the tapes they are available at all times at the Borough Clerk's Office.

Mayor Cherchi explained that the minutes are supposed to reflect action and votes taken by the Governing Body.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting	August 15, 2005
Closed Session Minutes	August 15, 2005

Due to the length of the presentation and the volume of agenda items, the minutes were held until the next meeting in September.

### **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica to approve Resolutions 05-207 through 05-211 and 05-213, seconded by Councilman Ryan. On discussion, Councilman

LaBianco questioned the need to have a landscaper cut the grass at the swim club, and why the summer help could not do it. Councilman Puzzo reported that the Recreation Commission has discussed it. A discussion followed on whether the DPW has enough staff to all summer work required if the pool was added. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo and Ryan voted yes. Councilman LaBianco voted no. Resolutions approved.

**Resolution 05-212** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran, seconded by Councilwoman Mitrani to approve Resolution 05-212. On discussion, Mayor Cherchi requested that the boat be made an option on the specifications. The Governing Body discussed making the boat an option. Borough Administrator Miragliotta said this is not a problem. Roll call vote; Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Resolution 05-212 approved.

**Resolution 05-214** – Councilman Puzzo explained to the Governing Body and those in attendance why he requested the resolution placed on the agenda. Councilman Puzzo also stated he has arranged to have Verizon come to a future Council Meeting and report on the service. Councilwoman Dwarica made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan to approve Resolution 05-214. Roll call vote Councilpersons, Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani and Ryan voted yes, Councilman Puzzo abstained. Resolution 05-214 approved.

**Resolution 05-215** – Councilperson Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolution 05-215 seconded by Councilperson Mitrani. The Governing Body discussed verbiage of the resolution. Roll call vote; Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Resolution 05-215 approved.

**Resolution 05-216** – Councilperson Ryan made a motion to approve Resolution 05-216, seconded by Councilperson Mitrani. On discussion, would like to have the aprons and sidewalks removed from the specifications for Magnolia and re-bid the project with the changes. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Puzzo and Ryan voted yes. Resolution 05-216 approved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

All Unfinished Business held until the Meeting of September 19, 2005

### **NEW BUSINESS**

All New Business held until the Meeting of September 19, 2005

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No one spoke.

### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

Adoption of Bond Ordinance 14-05 entitled:

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REHABILITATION OF  
SANITARY AND STORM SEWER LINES ALONG STATION PARKWAY IN,  
BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO TRANSFER AND REAPPROPRIATE FUNDED  
APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR SUCH CAPITAL PURPOSE, TO  
APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO  
MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO  
FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE  
OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF  
SUCH BONDS. (Public Hearing) No one spoke.**

**Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**

**Borough Administrator Explained the Need for the Ordinance**

Councilwoman Dwarica, made a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance 14-05,  
seconded by Councilman Ryan.

**ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, and Puzzo voted yes.  
Councilman LaBianco voted no. Ordinance 14-05 adopted.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

Introduction of Ordinance 15-05 entitled:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA ENTITLED “PERSONNEL  
POLICIES”**

The members of Governing Body requested that this Ordinance be held for Discussion  
and Introduction at the meeting of September 19, 2005 after they had a chance to review  
it.

#### **CLOSED SESSION (RESOLUTION )**

A motion was made by Councilperson Dwarica seconded by Council President Ryan to  
go into Closed Session. All in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann

230 Borough Clerk  
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